

Meeting of the Board of Warden and Burgesses
THE BOROUGH OF WOODMONT
128 Kings Highway
Woodmont, Connecticut 06460

Unapproved Minutes from the August 2, 2021

The meeting of the Board of the Borough of Woodmont was held on August 2, 2021 at Woodmont Borough Hall.

Warden Bonessi called the meeting to order at 8:02 P.M.

Board members in attendance were Burgesses: John Barrett, Kelly Graham, Bob Kish, Chuck Rockwell, Christopher Schmeisser, and Barbara Wagner.

Also in attendance were: Constable Donna Mallico, Treasurer Bob Listorti and Beautification Chair Pat Del Vecchio, substituting for Clerk Bill Guelakis.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the July 19, 2021 minutes. Burgess Rockwell made a motion to approve, seconded by Burgess Wagner. Motion passed.

Freeholders I

Susan Milne, 1630 New Haven Avenue:

- Expressed concerns about timing and content of Agenda, Oyster River groin and lack of dredging that may cause flooding and damage to eco-system of tidal marsh. Discussion ensued and Warden Bonessi explained email process for agendas, contractual obligations under the contract with the Army Corps of Engineers and DEEP control of tidal areas.

Rebecca Flynn, 30 Chaucer Court:

- Commented on success of Woodmont Day and how new format and time schedule seemed to be welcomed. New schedule greatly reduced expenses, as overnight police were not necessary.
- Expressed a need for many more volunteers for set up, booths and clean up. Discussion ensued on how help could be gained through email, social media, announcements and personal pleas.
- Burgess Rockwell presented Ms. Flynn with our thanks and a plaque from the City and Mayor Blake proclaiming July 31, 2021 as *Borough of Woodmont Day* and recognizing the Committee's hard work.
- Bob Lisorti reported over 400 runners participated in the very successful 5K-road race.

Report of the Tax Collector: Lynn Foss:

No Report.

Report of the Warden: Ed Bonessi:

No Report.

Report of the Constable: Donna Mallico:

CONSTABLE REPORT JULY 23 - JULY 31, 2021

07/23 - (Eve) 1 assist in Borough, 2 assists out of Borough. (Domestic and Altercation across town) Extra checks of Borough Hall, Doolittle Park, and Fannie Beach School (juveniles loitering in playground at school) No parking issues.

07/24 - (Day & Eve) 1 parking ticket, 2 assists out of Borough. (Alarm and MV accident.)

07/30 - (Eve) 1 verbal warning, 1 police assist out of Borough. (Officer assist)

07/31 - (Day) Officers at Woodmont Day.

(Eve) Crowd control at Doolittle Park, 2 first aid assists, no problems in Borough.

Woodmont Day was another success as usual! THANK YOU to all involved for all your hard work and dedication!

Report of the Clerk: Bill Guelakis

No Report.

Report of the Treasurer: Bob Lisorti:

Grant check from the City has been received.

Committee Reports:

Planning and Zoning: Burgess Barbara Wagner:

No Report.

Police and Safety: Burgess Kelly Graham:

No Report.

House: Burgess Chuck Rockwell:

Rear stairwell electrical work completed under estimated costs.

Street Lighting: Burgess Bob Kish:

- Met with UI to address:
 - Overhead wires that block beach view. Costs will be presented to neighbors.
 - Approval of meter box that is not large or ugly for New Haven Avenue sign, Senior Burgess Barrett suggested use of traffic control pedestal as an alternative.
- Lighting at Doolittle Park was inspected and repaired by licensed electricians. Better labeling is needed on outlets etc. and next year more maintenance will need to be done on underground wiring and expense should be budgeted.

Beaches: Burgess Bob Kish:

- Received Elevation Survey from the City.
- Sent the Army Corps of Engineers Contract to City Engineer.
- 4 inches of replenishment sand will be ordered for next April to cover upper 50 feet of gravel placed as low hydraulic movement material to control erosion and flooding. This will also help appearance and comfort.
- Burgess Schmeisser reminded additional Rosa Rugosa plantings have been funded to replace and add new along Beach Avenue from Anchor Beach to Chapel Street.

Public Works: Warden Ed Bonessi:

- Gas Company patching is still occurring and curb-to-curb paving will happen later.
- Need to contact Chris Saley for listing of streets to be paved by City so that Borough can plan fall paving of additional streets.

Finance: Burgess Christopher Schmeisser:

- Need to work out Budget for Annual Meeting so all “wish list” items should be submitted now.
- Warden Bonessi requested all Committee reports for Annual Meeting be submitted before August 16, 2021 meeting.

Library: Burgess Barbara Wagner:

No Report.

Beautification Committee: Chair Pat Del Vecchio:

Landscaping:

- E and D Landscaping has cleaned all areas with attention to Dunbar Street garden as all bamboo had to be cut down, Beach Avenue including lower rock areas, Anderson Avenue on one side as other side has poison ivy which will be sprayed by Chemical company and Village and Kings Highway gardens.
- All hydrangeas were PH adjusted to return pink blossoms to blue.
- Plantings planned for gardens at Village and Kings Highway, Dunbar, Anderson Avenue and expansion of Rosa Rugosa shrubs along Beach Avenue to Anchor Beach in selected areas.

Approval of Bills

Bills are being sent around to be approved and checks signed.

Old Business:

- Revised quote from All Electric for rear stairwell wiring and sensors under budget.
- HVAC maintenance contract discussed to include two inspections, fall and spring for annual cost of \$1775.
- Burgess Rockwell made a motion to accept the contract, seconded by Burgess Graham. Motion passed.

New Business:

- Senior Burgess Barrett made a motion to change the agenda to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue after completing Freeholders II, seconded by Burgess Wagner. Motion passed.

Freeholders II.

None.

At 9:57 P.M. Board of Warden and Burgesses entered into Executive Session.

Minutes submitted Pat Del Vecchio, substituting for William Guelakis, Woodmont Clerk.